

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Thus~~ The this provided forward resilient support means in the form of leaf spring has the readily deflecting bend which provides a resilient support with relatively low spring constant at a position spaced forwards away from the axle while the thus provided rearward resilient support means has the air spring which provides a rearward resilient support at a position rearwardly away from the axle and having a spring constant lower than that of the bend of the forward resilient support. Due to the difference in spring characteristics between the forward and rearward resilient supports respectively provided by the leaf and air springs, the axle rolls upon receipt of vibrations from the road surface. This rolling motion of the axle absorbs the vibration energy through which vibrations from the road surface are transmitted to the chassis side so that an excellent road-surface vibration shielding is obtained which is effect and competitive as compared to those of the existing expensive four-bag air suspensions.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 1 to 4 show an embodiment of the invention. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, in a suspension according to the embodiment, an axle 1 is ~~hanged~~ hung from each of opposite side rails 4 by means of a leaf spring 2 forwards in the vehicle (left in Figs. 1 and 2) and an air spring 3 rearwards in the vehicle (right in Figs. 1 and 2). Thus, the leaf and air springs 2 and 3 provide forward and rearward resilient support means, respectively.